

REMARKS

By this supplemental Amendment, Applicant changes status identifier of claim 6 to "Currently Amended" to reflect amendments made to claim 6.

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,600,662 to Emmert et al. ("Emmert").¹ Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection under § 102.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for conducting an in-person interview with the Applicant's undersigned representative on October 2, 2007, to discuss possible claim amendments and the Examiner's cited reference, Emmert. As discussed in the interview, Applicant has amended claim 1 to further define the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully traverses the Section 102(b) rejection of claims 1-8 because Emmert fails to disclose every claim element. For example, amended claim 1 recites "a single-piece flexible connection member extending through the hinge and electrically connected between the first and second circuit boards and having a branched portion, as a part of the single-piece connection member, electrically connected at least one of the first and second circuit boards to the electric part." Emmert fails to disclose at least these features of amended claim 1.

Emmert states that "battery 706 is electrically coupled to the [remainder] of the radiotelephone 100 by a connector 708 which plugs into a suitable receptacle 748 on the logic board 718." Emmert, column 2, line 67 – column 3, line 3, emphasis added.

¹ The Office Action contains a number of statements reflecting characterizations of the related art and the claims. Regardless of whether any such statement is identified herein, Applicant declines to automatically subscribe to any statement or characterization in the Office Action.

However, Emmert's teaching of a mere connector to a battery does not constitute the above listed elements of amended claim 1.

Therefore, Emmert fails to disclose each and every element of amended claim 1. Emmert thus cannot anticipate amended claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b).

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection of amended claim 1. Because claims 2-5 depend from claim 1, either directly or indirectly, Applicant also requests withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection for at least the same reasons stated above.

Further, independent claim 6, while of different scope, includes similar recitations to those of amended claim 1. Claim 6 is therefore also allowable for at least the same reasons stated above with respect to amended claim 1.

In addition, Emmert also fails to disclose at least "a plurality of conductive patterns for use in common to the first and second circuit boards and the electric part," as recited in amended claim 6 (emphasis added). Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Section 102(b) rejection of amended claim 6 and claims 7 and 8, which depend from claim 6.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of the pending claims.

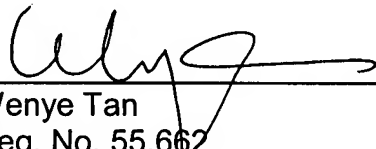
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